

REMARKS

Claims 1-99 were pending in this application prior to the office action. By this amendment, claims 29-33 are amended and claims 1-28, 34-72, and 97 are canceled. Thus, claims 29-33, 73-96, and 98-99 remain pending, with claims 98-99 being withdrawn. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Claims 1-28, 34-72, and 97 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) in view of a multitude of references. However, in view of the cancellation of these claims herein, the rejections of these claims are now moot, and should be withdrawn.

Claims 29-33 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In an effort to place these claims in condition for allowance, Applicants have rewritten claim 29 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 30-33 have been amended to be maintain their consistency with now independent claim 29. Accordingly, in addition to previously allowable claims 73-96, Applicants believe claims 29-33 are now also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

19-2380. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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